

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A container and lid combination comprising:

- a) a container having a bottom and an upstanding wall having a rim at the open end;
- b) a closure element adapted to seat on the rim, said element having an internal flange that abuts and sealingly engages the internal edge of the rim;
- c) a lid attached to the closure element and having a dependent internal flange adapted to sealingly engage an internal edge of the closure element; and
- d) a handle attached to the closure element.

23. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the said dependent flange of the lid wipes past an internal sealing strip located on the flange of the closure element and extends past said sealing strip.

24. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 23 in which said dependent flange of the lid is shaped to allow the lid to drain any contents back into the container.

25. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the closure element incorporates a pouring spout, adapted to guide the flow of the liquid contents of the container, extending outwardly from the internal edge of the closure element against which the lid sealingly engages.

26. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the flange of the closure element incorporates a peripheral bead on its outer face to seat below the container rim to retain the closure element on the container.

27. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the lid hinges from the closed position to one or more open positions using a camming surface associated with the hinge.

28. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the upstanding wall incorporates an outwardly facing circumferential corrugation below the rim.

29. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 28 wherein the corrugation is spaced below the rim so that the closure element and lid can be accommodated on the rim and the corrugation projects outwardly further than the peripheral bead of the closure.

30. (New) A container and lid combination as claimed in claim 22 in which the handle is integrally molded with the closure element.

31. (New) A closure element for use in the container and lid combination defined in claim 1 said closure element adapted to be mounted on an annular rim of a can and comprising:

- a) An annular ring having a can rim sealing flange that abuts and sealingly engages the internal edge of the can rim and an internal edge portion arranged to define an opening;
- b) a lid attached to the closure element and having a dependent internal flange adapted to sealingly engage said internal edge of the closure element allowing sealing and re-sealing of said opening with said lid; and
- c) a handle attached to the closure element.

32 (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 31 in which the annular ring has an annular wall spaced inwardly of said can rim sealing flange and the lid incorporates the dependent flange which wipes past an internal sealing strip located on the inner wall of said annular ring and extends past the sealing strip.

33. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 32 in which the dependent peripheral flange of the lid is shaped to allow the lid to drain any contents back into the container

34. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 31 in which the ring incorporates a pouring spout, adapted to guide the flow of the liquid contents of the container to which the closure element is attached, extending outwardly from the inner wall of the ring against which

the lid sealingly abuts.

35. (New) A closure element as claimed in claim 31 in which the lid hinges from the closed position to one or more open positions using a camming surface associated with the hinge.